courts against their removal. Hence using of the plots for providing civic amenities is not immediately possible.

Central Port Authority

*455. SHRI M. P. KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up of a Central Port Authority; and

(b) if so, what will be its proposed functions and by when the Authority is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Social forestry programme in Orissa

*456. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a five year social forestry programme has been launched recently in Orissa with the help of the Swedish International Development Authority; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what are the names of the districts in which this programme has been launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The main components of the Project are:

(i) Establishment of village woodlots on about 21.700 hectares.

(ii) Rehabilitation and replantation of degraded forests areas over about 35,300 hectares.

(iii) Farm Forestry—(a) Distribution of about 51 million seedlings to needy persons for growing trees on private lands.

(b) Tree-planting by landless persons (about 2000 families).

The total outlay of the Project is Rs. 23.0 crores.

(b) The Project has been launched since 1983-84 and will cover the following districts of Orissa State in a phased manner.

1. Balasore 2. Bolangir 3. Cuttack 4. Dhenkanal 5. Ganjam 6. Puri 7. Sambalpur 8. Keonjhar and 9. Mayurbhanj.

Financial irregularities by the Executive Director and others of the Bengal Potteries Ltd

*457. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1246 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th March, 1984 and state:

(a) whether the investigation by the police into serious allegations of forgery, preparation of false bills and fake documents and misappropriation of nearly Rs. one crore and one lakh of the Punjab National Bank by the Executive Director and others of the Bengal Potteries Ltd., has been completed;

(b) whether charge-sheet in the case has been filed by the police, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether they were arrested and bailed out, if so, when;

(d) whether the Bengal Potteries Ltd., bore the legal expenses in connection with their bail etc., if so, the details of expenses; and

(e) whether the accused in the case continue to hold their posts?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) According to information received, the investigation by the Police Authority has not yet been completed and no charge-sheet has yet been framed against the Executive Director and other officials of Bengal Potteries.

(c) The persons in question were arrested on 5-7-84 and released on bail on 6-7-84.

(d) A sum of Rs 22,500 has been disbursed as legal expenses in connection with bail etc. and has been debited to Suspense Account, pending final apportionment. The expenses are mainly fees of Advocate and Court fees.

(e) Yes, Sir. The High Court has directed that the persons will be entitled to attend the factory as well as the office of the Bengal Potteries. The matter is *sub-judice.*

Length of the National Highways.

*458. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total route kilometres of the National Highways at present in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the same during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) The total length of National Highways at present in the country is 31,398 Kms.

(b) and (c) The Government have under consideration the following two proposals:

(1) Construction of an Expressway between Ahmedabad and Vadodara (92 Kms.).

(2) Construction of a link to Nhava Sheva Port (26.60 Kms.).

Unauthorised colonies in trans-Yamuna area of Delhi

*459. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of unauthorised colonies in trans-Yamuna area of Delhi which have not been regularised so far;

(b) the names of those colonies whose demand for regularisation has been rejected;

(c) what steps are being taken to develop these colonies on the basis of finalised lay-out plans;

(d) whether Government are aware that on account of delay on the part of the D.D.A. in displaying lay-out plans, vacant lands are being sold and construction going on in these areas;

(e) whether any survey is being made of the land on which construction has been going on for the last three years;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(g) what steps are being taken to prevent construction on vacant land?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Out of the list of 607 colonies compiled by Delhi Administration, the following five colonies in trans-Yamuna area have not so far been regularised:—

1. Vinod Nagar (Kumaon Square)
2. Arya Nagar
3. Chajjupur Sakdarpur.
4. Ranbir Nagar